



Department of  
**Environment &  
Conservation**



## **Trail Crew Positions Summer 2017 Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail**

Salary: \$9.50/hr

### **About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)**

The department is responsible for:

- Safeguarding the health and safety of Tennessee citizens from environmental hazards
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water
- Managing the system of 56 Tennessee State Parks and 85 Natural Areas

### **Position Information and Location**

The Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail is seeking qualified candidates for a backcountry crew starting the week of **May 15<sup>th</sup> through week of July 28<sup>th</sup>**. The work location is the Cumberland Mountain Segment between Caryville, TN and Cumberland Gap which is located 40 miles North of Knoxville in Campbell and Claiborne counties. The Cumberland Trail (CT) will be a 330 mile hiking trail from the Cumberland Gap at the Virginia/Kentucky/Tennessee state corner to Signal Point near Chattanooga. Selected candidates will learn trail training, use of camping gear, and how to successfully work in remote park locations with limited resources. Park staff will provide food and supplies while camping.

### **Job Description**

Trail Crew Member will construct new hiking trail, rock steps, and other structures using hand tools in remote areas. Crew members must work with others effectively and observe safety rules to complete trail construction projects. The Trail Crew will share in camp chores each day. The Trail Crew members will also take turns performing the role of camp keeper; maintaining the camp and performing related duties. Overnight camping is required. Position may require lifting up to 35 pounds in weight.

The work week will be approximately 37.5 hours. Weekly schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions or logistical necessity. Overview of potential weekly schedule:

Day 1 - Arrive at the park office; depart to camp site for camp set up; and work on trail construction

Day 2, 3, & 4 – Trail construction

Day 5 – Trail construction, break down camp, and depart for office

**Skills & Abilities:**

- Aptitude for physical work in remote park areas
- Able to work effectively self-directed and as a team member
- Strong communication skills
- Comfortable working and living in remote park areas for multiple days
- Able to hike five miles per day.

All interested candidates should submit via email a resume and cover letter to [Mark.Stanfill@tn.gov](mailto:Mark.Stanfill@tn.gov). If selected for an interview, the applicant will be required to complete a State of Tennessee employment application. Deadline for submitting an application is **April 28, 2017**.

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